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Dear Participant,

I hope you can join us on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003 for a Marine Salvage & Firefighting Workshop. The workshop will start at 8:30 AM and end at about 4:30 PM. This workshop will be conducted during the EPA Region VI Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Conference at the Adams Mark Hotel at 2900 Briarpark, Houston, TX and is hosted by Marine Safety Office Houston-Galveston, Coast Guard District Eight, and the Greater Houston LEPC.

This workshop will enhance regional interoperability among all stakeholders within the marine transportation sector. The highlight will be three breakout groups. Each will have a scenario for a vessel fire at a dock, vessel fire while underway but within the port area, or vessel fire offshore. Sessions will consider command and control, vessel stability and dewatering, integrating salvage efforts into active fire suppression activities, and training issues. To better focus on key aspects, the discussion will be limited to firefighting and salvage during this event. Participants are encouraged to review organizational response plans as well as Section 8000 of the Central Texas Coastal Area Contingency Plan, 2001 Edition.

To ensure appropriate logistical support for this endeavor, please RSVP to YNCS Beth Meyer at (409) 766-5417 or [EJMeyer@msugalveston.uscg.mil](mailto:EJMeyer@msugalveston.uscg.mil) no later than 3 November. If you have any questions on this event, please do not hesitate to contact LT Joseph J. Leonard, Jr. at (409) 682-1266 or [JJLeonard@msugalveston.uscg.mil](mailto:JJLeonard@msugalveston.uscg.mil).

Sincerely,

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